

member of the Council of Economic Advisers and, upon confirmation, designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ephraim Batambuze and Thomas Thomas Riley to be members of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

The White House announced that on February 25 the President declared an emergency in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snowstorms on December 25–26, 2002, and January 3–4, 2003.

February 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia concerning the situations in the Korean Peninsula and Iraq. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, following their meeting in the Oval Office.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State Colin Powell, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman to discuss environmental initiatives. He then met with Executive Director James Morris of the World Food Program to discuss U.S. famine relief efforts around the world, including the Famine Fund for Africa.

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President presented the National Humanities Medals for 2002.

During the day, the President dropped by a meeting between Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice. He also participated in an interview with journalists from the USA Today newspaper.

The President announced the following recipients of the National Humanities Medal for 2002: Donald Kagan, Brian Lamb, Art Linkletter, Patricia Maclachlan, Iowa Writers' Workshop, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, Frankie Hewitt, and Thomas Sowell.

February 28

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende of the Netherlands to discuss the situation in Iraq. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President and Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland will meet at the White House on March 13.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roland W. Bullen to be Ambassador to Guyana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nicole R. Nason to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Annette M. Sandberg to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Wilma Delaney, Mary Gade, and Monica Samuels as members of the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tirso Del Junco and Gen. Charles Krulak, USMC (Ret.), as members of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 25

Eric S. Edelman,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

Gregory W. Engle,
of Colorado, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Togolese Republic.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes,
of New York, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Julian L. Jacobs, term expired.

Diane L. Kroupa,
of Minnesota, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Robert P. Ruwe, term expired.

Anne Rader,
of Virginia, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2004, vice Kate Pew Wolters, term expired.

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Marie Sophia Aguirre,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003, vice Maria Elena Torano, term expired.

Marie Sophia Aguirre,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006 (reappointment).

Elizabeth F. Bagley,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005, vice Lewis Manilow, resigned.

Barbara McConnell Barrett,
of Arizona, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003, vice Hank Brown, resigned.

Barbara McConnell Barrett,
of Arizona, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006 (reappointment).

Ephraim Batambuze,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring February 9, 2008, vice Henry McKoy, term expired.

Charles William Evers III,
of Florida, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003, vice Charles H. Dolan, Jr., term expired.

Charles William Evers III,
of Florida, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006 (reappointment).

James B. Foley,
of New York, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Haiti.

Harold C. Pachios,
of Maine, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005 (reappointment).

Thomas Thomas Riley,
of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 22, 2005, vice Claude A. Allen.

McGregor William Scott,
of California, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of 4 years, vice Paul L. Seave, resigned.

Jay T. Snyder,
of New York, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2004, vice Paula Dobriansky, term expired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 22

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released February 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a press briefing by NSC Senior Director for Near East and North Africa Elliott Abrams; U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Andrew Natsios; Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration Gene Dewey; Pentagon Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance Deputy Director Ron Adams; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability Operations Joe Collins; and Associate Director for National Security Programs Robin Cleveland on White House interagency humanitarian reconstruction issues

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on the second U.N. resolution

Announcement of nomination for a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court

Released February 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: Trafficking in Persons National Security Presidential Directive

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 141

Released February 26

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Excerpts of the President's remarks to the American Enterprise Institute annual dinner

Released February 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the recipients of the National Humanities Medal for 2002

Announcement: National Humanities Medal Winners

Released February 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland

Fact sheet: Protecting the Homeland

Acts Approved by the President

Approved February 25

S. 141 / Public Law 108–8

To improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans, and for other purposes